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       FOR A NETWORK ELEMENT HAVING REDUNDANT  
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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sirs:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2004 and is filed via facsimile within the initial three-month deadline.

An information disclosure statement is submitted herewith on one (1) form PTO/SB/08a in which two (2) United States patent references and one (1) foreign reference are cited.

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Kindly amend the subject application as follows, in view of the comments set out herebelow.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listings of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.